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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

REGD. NO. 5.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$6,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

A. MCCONACHE, Esq.—Chairman.

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CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—I. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.

per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1866.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1866.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS \$300,000

RESERVE FUND \$250,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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" " 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1866.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gilkes, Esq. Chow Teng Shang, Esq.

H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months, 5 per cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1866.

CAROLINEUM AVENARIUS USED FOR 20 YEARS.

With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Damppness.

Sole Agents for China,

SCHEELE & CO.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1866.

Intimations.

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT GOLDEN MEDAL

PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS REQUIRED.

THE CLUB HOTEL,

5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of staying either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL COVERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER

on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

YOKOHAMA.

L. DEWETTE, Manager,

TOKYO.

## INSURANCES.

EMPEROR ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

### FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

### HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1866.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

### ESTABLISHED A.D. 1854.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY \$2,450,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA \$75,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

### HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1866.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

### SIEGMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1865.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAEL \$60,000 \$833,333-33.

RESERVE FUND \$18,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

### CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAVA WEST.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1866.

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

### CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1866.

### LOST.

A SMALL Brown and White FOX TERRIER with Chain Collar, answering to the name of "NELL" Reward—if necessary on returning same to

### DR. JORDAN,

8, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1866.

### JUST ARRIVED.

A N Impressive Assortment of the best ENGLISH and FRENCH general JEWELLERY.

### WATCHES AND FANCY GOODS.

Prices Moderate.

LEVY HERMANOS,

Opposite Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1866.

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**SCHLITZ P**



SCHLITZ BEER Received the Highest Award for PURITY at the Columbian Exposition.

[1901]

**WATKINS & CO., AGENTS.**

**EYE-SIGHT.**

**NOTICE.**

M R. N. LAZARUS, OCULIST-OPTICIAN, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 130).

**ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.**

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eye Strain" endog in serious forms of diseases. Glasses specially adapted to youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

**ADVICE FREE.**

HONGKONG HOTEL, (Room No. 130). Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [1896]

**Co-Dap's Advertisements.**

**ELITE SKATING RINK, DUDDELL STREET.**

AFTERNOON SESSION—from 5 to 7 P.M.

PRICES—Skates and Admission ..... 50 Cents.

Admission ..... 15 "

EVENING SESSION—from 8.30 to 12 P.M.

PRICES—Skates and Admission ..... \$1.00

Admission ..... 50

On FRIDAY, the 13th instant, A TRICK CYCLO-COMPETITION will take place for a HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL. Intending Competitors can send in their Names to the Rink up to One o'clock on the 13th inst.

A GRAND MASQUERADE BALL will be held on BOXING NIGHT (SATURDAY), the 26th inst.

The HONGKONG REGIMENTAL BAND will be in attendance.

SAM MARKS, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1896]

BIBLE, BOOK AND TRACT DEPOT, 6, D'AGUILAR STREET.

A LARGE SUPPLY OF NEW PUBLICATIONS has just been received:—

BOOKS suitable for XMAS PRESENTS.

BOOKS for BOYS and GIRLS for all ages.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS.

SUNDAY AT HOME. LEISURE HOUR.

Annual Volumes of BOYS OWN, GIRLS OWN, CHILD'S COMPANION, &c.

A Great Variety of XMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS.

BIBLES, NEW TESTAMENTS and SCRIP-

TURE PORTIONS in various languages.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1896]

OCTOBER'S

Advertisers.

THE EASTERN MICA MANIPULATING WORKS, LIMITED.

BY request the closing date for APPLICATIONS for SHARES in the above COMPANY has been POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 19th instant. The Meeting for Allotment and to appoint First Directors will therefore be held on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, instead of TUESDAY, the 15th instant, as previously advertised.

GEO. W. KIRKPATRICK, Secretary (pro tem.)

Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1896]

**NOTICE.**

ON and after MONDAY, the 13th instant, the REGISTRATION and PARCEL WORK of the GENERAL POST OFFICE will be carried on in the SUPREME COURT BUILDING adjoining the POST OFFICE, Entrance:—First Door on the Right.

The Office will be Open each day from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M., except on SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS when it will be Open from 8 A.M. to 9 A.M.

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1896. [1896]

**NOTICE.**

IN THE MATTER OF TAM KEE, LATELY CARRYING ON BUSINESS UNDER THE STYLE OF KWONG TUNG CHEONG TAM KEE, AT NO. 9, TAI WO STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, MACHINIST.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named TAM KEE was adjudicated BANKRUPT on the 10th instant, and that the Undersigned was appointed TRUSTEE.

Dated this 11th December, 1896.

BRUCE SHEPHERD, Official Receiver.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

T O APPEAR SHORTLY.

"SPORT AND GOSSIP," FOUNDED BY "DAYBREAK."

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, printed on SATURDAY EVENING and published every SUNDAY MORNING, conducted by a Professional Journalist, and devoted to RACING, HUNTING, THEATRICALS, FOOTBALL, CRICKET, TENNIS, ROWING, ATHLETICS, GOLF, SWIMMING, YACHTING, SHOOTING, GORSE, on all topics and GENERAL SPORTS and PARTIES in SHANGHAI, the CHINA PORTS, and at HOME. All communications regarding advertisements, etc., should be addressed to

The Publishers,

"SPORT & GOSSIP," c/o North-China Daily News.

Shanghai, 10th November, 1896. [1896]

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**Co-Dap's Advertisements.**

CHRISTMAS SALE OF WINES, &c.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON SATURDAY, the 19th December, 1896,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.

SALES ROOM, DUDDELL STREET:

A QUANTITY OF

SPIRITS AND MALT

BEERS,

SCOTCH WHISKY,

&c.

all put up in Suitable Lots.

Issued previous to the Sale,

AV., the 18th December.

Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

18th December, 1896. [1896]

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1896.

to task to get acceptable Christmas gifts for its gentlemen relatives or friends.

## LEVY HERMANOS.

There has never been such a supply of diamond vendors in Hongkong as Messrs. Levy Hermanos, the well-known jewellers and diamonds are showing just now. Mr. Levy, who has just returned from Paris, has brought with him all the last and costliest things in jewellery, and his show cases now put Aladdin's cave fairly in the shade. Of rings the display is magnificent, some of the emeralds and diamonds being the largest seen here. A superb Burmese pigeon's blood ruby of the very highest quality is shown set with brilliants, and some rich things are shown in Marquise rings. Bracelets, hair ornaments, brooches, pins, gold cigar holders, cases, pens and pencil cases, fill other cases, and their novel designs are exceedingly attractive and elegant. Mr. Levy took the reporter's breath away when he brought from an iron safe a leather pocket book and told him its value. Opening the book a number of little paper packets were seen and these enclosed such a store of diamonds as one seldom if ever sees in lifetime. There were great follows of the first water weighing 27 carats and handfuls of tiny sparklers like glass dust all rose-cut, and going to the case. Package after package revealed the illustrious gems in all sizes, the colours they threw off, clear prismatic rays bequeath their value and beauty. Next the gallant West Yorks in Hongkong for the first time, these came to the writer at once a flood of recollections of the time when he was similarly uniformed in the far away little island of Tasmania. The undress of the Tasmanian Rifles Regiment was exactly the same as that of the West Yorks, save that our badge was a "rampant" lion in silver, and our glengarries bore the bugle horn.

The position of the flagship was certainly not a good one. She was moored so that at both start and finish the boats could only be seen at deceptive angles, and she was also too far away from the Judge's boat to enable the names of winners to be made out when posted on the board. Even with glasses the names could not be deciphered at times.

Why not have the Judge and Umpire on the bridge of the flagship and let the races finish between them and a mark? The steam launches then follow the race-cuts off the crews from view just at the time when the race was most interesting. If there is any insurmountable difficulty in having the events finish nearer the flagships certainly some of the regatta officials might see that result, and times are promptly posted on boards, as is done elsewhere. At times it was impossible to find an officer who knew anything of the races abroad the flagship and some competitors were much inconvenienced thereby. A little attention to matters of this kind goes far to make a regatta a success.

There was a good deal of betting done on some of the races, especially the International. For some time the Scottish crew was heard of most, but as the time for the race drew near the Germans were in highest favour. The struggle between Scots and Tercians was a grand one and for a time it seemed as if the doughty Brits was in danger. Form told, the German money was paid over, and the very many Scotchmen who had taken deep concern in the race had to console themselves with the fact that they had had a splendid run for their dollars.

She's in the second day's yacht race was a well earned one, the little clipper being handled in good style. Her course was one that puzzled spectators, but when she came in with some of her time allowance to spare behind the fast *Held Marien*, it was recognised that her skipper knew a thing or two after all.

By the way, speaking of regatta matters, would it not be worth while to have an inter-port race for four with Shanghai. They have some very good oarsmen at Shanghai and there is little doubt that they would be glad to try conclusions with some of our men. Such a race could be arranged just now without much trouble and it would excite very general interest both here and in the North. Subsequently the inter-port race might become a regatta fixture.

The Mercantile Marine, we noticed, were not provided for on the programme. With all the ships in port surely an officers' gig race could be organised, to be rowed in ship's boats. Such events in San Francisco and Australia are taken up with spirit and are invariably contested very keenly. A Mercantile Marine Cup certainly should figure in future programmes.

A word of praise should be given to the caterers on the flagship (Messrs. Madar and Farmer) who set out an alfresco in the saloon and also on a well stocked bar deck.

Two "pencillers" piled their calling each day to enable the spectators to have an interest in the race and a chance of winning a few dollars. The metalicians did not make anything in the shape of a scoop on the first day, but on the second they found people to make "sporing wagers" and in consequence they had a better day's work:

## CHRISTMAS SHOWS.

**TAK CHEONG.**  
Mr. Tak Cheong's big outfitting establishment, Nos. 50 and 52, Queen's Road, presents more than its wonted scene of busy industry just now, and the wise ones are thronging to him with their Christmas orders. A look round his large and varied stock proves that Tak Cheong knows the requirements of his trade in every particular. In the matter of clothing he has hundreds of patterns of fashionable English and Scotch tweeds, as well as silks, cloths, flannels, crapes, &c. Hats of all kinds are seen here, from the silk silk hat for church and high days, down to the comfortable oil cap for knock-about purposes. Boots and shoes are kept in good variety, and so too are ties, braces, collars, handkerchiefs, socks and flasks, and perfume, and everything else that a modern mercery store should have. A big specialty are the football, cricket, rowing, cycling and golfing suits, all made on the premises by clever workmen. Sticks, umbrellas, pipes and pouches, and leather goods offer a good selection for gift-making, and sweets, toys, and crackers are stocked for the children. On a shopping trip a call at Tak Cheong's should certainly not be omitted.

**KUHN AND KOMER.**  
When the *Telegraph* reporter called at Messrs. Kuhn and Komor's Japanese curio store, he found Mr. Kuhn busy supervising the unpacking of some 40 great cases of curios just arrived from Japan. To wander through Kuhn and Komor's shop is a perfect art treat and one's list of objectives would soon be up to him to attempt to describe them. We may, however, indicate a few things out of this wonderful display. Here is a great bronze urn of the Old Temple make, of it, high and centuries old; Old Temple gongs, ancient silver lacquer ware, gold enamelled urns, trays, lamps, etc., ivory carvings and statuettes, marvellous Satsuma goods, and the firm's celebrated white and snow lacquered panels in cherry frames, call for attention, the latter being lovely flower studies suitable for album covers or blotting pads. The cabinets are blackwood and gold and silver screens in silk embroidery, mother-of-pearl and lacquer, silk table covers, quilted jackets and gowns, gold and silver punch bowls, enamel, silversmiths' goods, armour and arms (including old Dutch guns laid by Japanese), cherry lacquer ciborium, whilst, and chais, etc., are works of the highest style of Japanese ancient and modern art and there is not such a collection probably to be seen anywhere. The firm, who have a wide reputation in Japanese curios, has just opened another branch business at Kobe. A visit there store can be recommended to all who admire the beautiful and bizarre.

## KRUSE AND CO.

Messrs. Kruse and Co. have received a fine assortment of British and Continental fancy goods for the Christmas season, and their large shop has now a very attractive appearance.

Dainty French glassware in the shape of liqueurs flacons, vases, dishes, flower-holders, &c., are displayed in the newest designs, and a pretty collection of classical bronze statuary is also shown. Photo frames in silver, bronze, &c., leather purses, pocket books, dressing cases and toilet sets in silver and ebony, beautiful Persian fans of ostrich plumes, lace, ivory and silk, and fancy lamps are among the many tempting articles on sale.

A specially taking line is the Dresden biscuit ware, which is at once neat and dainty; and some elegant silver plated goods are also on hand. The firm has a long and well-earned reputation for their tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, and the best makers are in stock, together with a varied collection of meerschaum and wood pipes, cigar holders, tobacco pouches, match boxes and other things for the regalement of the male creature. At Kruse's the ladies should find it's pleasant, and

tire, asleep, or had gone on a long journey. No, fellow countrymen, "Send me your ears," for we are come to bury Caesar, not to praise him." Hongkong and the Straits are like the two single gentlemen rolled into one, and buried in one grave, over which a gorgeous headstone is erected with the simple and touching epitaph engraved upon it—

## "IMPERIAL POLICY."

And, if more is wanted, we can ourselves add the words "In plough memory of unsolicited services rendered by the Colonies of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements."

[\* We learn the speaker had in his mind the Imperial Feudal system of China, which his name bears. —Ed. *Peasant Gazette*.]

## VOLUNTEERING IN AUSTRALIA.

### REMINISCENCES AND EXPERIENCES.

See the red coats and white facings of the gallant West Yorks in Hongkong for the first time, these came to the writer at once a flood of recollections of the time when he was similarly uniformed in the far away little island of Tasmania. The undress of the Tasmanian Rifles Regiment was exactly the same as that of the West Yorks, save that our badge was a "rampant" lion in silver, and our glengarries bore the bugle horn.

Although so long ago that it makes one feel an old fogey to look back on those days, the sight of the familiar rig brought up memories fresh as if of yesterday. We in Hobart formed the Southern division of the regiment, consisting of four companies, each of about 100 strong. The Corps sported a good band, and we had the use of a fine spacious barracks for drill and assembly. Our officers were mainly business or professionals, who all took the greatest pride in their companies, and most of them were enthusiastic rifle shots. The arms in those days were the now obsolete Salders and long bayonets.

The Spander was not a very elegant weapon, but some rattling good scores used to be made with it up to about 700 or 800 yards. As to its stopping power, in which some folk think the latest rifles deficient, there could be no doubt, and men who have used Spanders in the South Seas fully bear this out. It was no joke when we had bayonet exercise with those heavy old guns, and many a time the Sergeant-Major was descending enough to let us fall to it in the drill room in our shirt sleeves. Often when the fingers seemed too tired to grip the stock or barrel, we were glad to watch the sergeant-major's back and slip our wrists under the piece instead. The boys all took a keen interest in this portion of our schooling, and we had several competitions with the marines, making a good show even against those redoubtable fellows. In company drill there was always the utmost rivalry, and it used to sound queer to hear the stern and decorous doctor, barrister, or merchant in ill-suppressed mirth exhort us who were wheeling, for instance, with "For God's sake, boys, feel your right!" We changed to a deaf member in our company, and he invariably turned up when he was least wanted. Say we had a commanding officer's parole or were to take part in a turn out with the Artillery, or to have a deaf member in our company, and he would be sent up when he was least wanted. This the Bill will be passed, owing to the Official Phalanx (in which we must include Mr. Wei Ayuk) swamping the representatives of the ratepayers—the unfortunate who have to pay the wherewithal to keep the Governor and all the Downing Street protégés going—is a foregone conclusion, and that, unhappily, being so we may be excused for republishing to-day an article that appeared in the *Pinang Gazette* some time ago, in which reference is made to the hopeless struggle of the unofficials to get fair play when the question of the Military Mutiny for the year now drawing to a close was discussed in the Council. It is very much to the point and reads as follows:—

At Xmas time this papa (of "pity the poor beggars") is one that is surely seasonable. We hope, indeed, it will be responded to largely in all classes of the community during the holidays now approaching. Nevertheless, there are cases in which we fear that the call for aid will be likely to fall on deaf ears. For the works of the apparently dummy figure that represents the powers that be are out of order, no penny dropped into the slot, by which we mean no inducements of compromise will make the "blessed" thing work. Such has been our sad experience, and indeed we are not yet out of the treadmill!

At Xmas time this papa (of "pity the poor beggars") is one that is surely seasonable. We hope, indeed, it will be responded to largely in all classes of the community during the holidays now approaching. Nevertheless, there are cases in which we fear that the call for aid will be likely to fall on deaf ears. For the works of the apparently dummy figure that represents the powers that be are out of order, no penny dropped into the slot, by which we mean no inducements of compromise will make the "blessed" thing work. Such has been our sad experience, and indeed we are not yet out of the treadmill!

And the Eastern world has found yet another parallel exhibition of the absurdity of Financial Committees in the Crown Colonies, and the hopeless farce of the position of those who are held up to their fellow-citizens as honourable men. Even the exalted title of His Excellency won't work. It appears to be as barren and as powerless as the similiar abundant title of Count, which is nowadays so commonly heard of throughout the world—more "kickabouts" to gratify the pride of vain men and draw them to do the bidding of the devil-god. At least that is what the public here have found out on more than one occasion, and what the poor colonists at Hongkong are now being taught to their cost. The "Fragrant Waters" murmur in vain, the exuberance of the verbosity of one of its members that the secretaries of state "chatterbox" "irreverent persons," whose language is vindictive and untrue! That is the parliamentary language of Hongkong at present according to the great authority there on *May's Procedure*.

But we are glad to see that the Governor himself admits that he is in the vagrant class. He states plainly that it was cause of regret to him that the Secretary of State had not seen fit to meet their views notwithstanding that he had seconded the efforts of the unofficial members to the best of his ability, and that he was compelled to ask them to pass the vote *ex parte*, and *sensu voluntis*. What he says is this: "I am a mere slave, who must touch the Aladdin's lamp whether I will or not; whether it bores or goads to the British interest that are under my especial surveillance and paternal solicitude, I need not. It is the law of the despot, the great *mafa mafa* of the East." The other officials (bar the C.S.) whose words, save as a medium of increasing the torture, do not count are naturally dumb, and not only follow out that excellent adage, "do as I tell you," but actually "do as I do." Poor nonentities! It must, however, be some consolation to them to know that their brother officials here, from the fudge down, have been stuck up in the same pillory more than once.

The same officer had, just such a delicate power of sarcasm as Mulvaney, and he used to make great big recruits fairly quake in their boots when he found them going to the "slope" for "shoulder" or "right-about" for "front." Of course we had a fair quota of "old soldiers" amongst us, and some of them showed they were fully entitled to the term in every sense of its meaning. Now and again, on Prince of Wales' Birthday (a big holiday in Australia), by the way and other holidays a sham fight was the order of the day, and how the fellows used to roll up for it! One P.O.W. Birthday will be a memorable one for old hands in the T.R.R. Our Major gave us the option the night before of wearing pliers or helmets, and we chose the former, although it was summertime and the day's work before us was a hard one. Our early morning work was replete with coffee and rolls at the Major's, waited upon by pretty girls under good old English oaks and poplars. Then "fall in" sounded and we started off on our march. Behind us came the tucker (casks of ginger beer, rolls, bread and cheese and sandwiches) in wagons guarded by recruits with fixed bayonets. Our scene of operations was on the hills behind the famed Cascade Brewery. Hailings, an attacking and defending force was formed, every man having 60 rounds of blank. Giving the enemy grace, and we went

up fern-clad hills, sliding down banks, trudging through tiny rivulets, now falling, now scampering and as happy as "sand boys," whatever they may be. Our porty captain, a leading civic officer, had bellowed to mend soon and was constantly shouting "Now, No. 4, don't be in such a d— hurry," and several of us had frequently to aid his great avowings to pile up the steep hill-sides. "A bang" told us the enemy had seen us or we them and soon we were blaring away at the red at all sorts of distances. The barrels quickly grew hot with the rapid fire, but the "fighting thirst" was on us and we meant to squelch the other side and get back to the ginger-beer as soon as possible. Fate ruled otherwise. The other side in going out first had got the hang of the place, and they managed to surround us so nicely that we were all counted dead men by the umpire when he came to give his decision. Arriving at the rendezvous, we found that the Cascade Brewery people had sent up several casks of ale, and this, with our ginger-pop, made buckets of shandy-gaff that were most refreshing, and, to a few cases, overpowering as well. Marching home we certainly were more "at ease" than at "temple," but we got on the drill ground after what general orders styled a very instructive day. We now and again had an attack on the Queen's Battery in the Domain and here one of our colour party had a rifle discharged into his face, marking him badly with grains of powder. The offender, I'm sorry to say, was never discovered. On one occasion in a night attack I nearly blew my colour-sergeant's ear off. We had an affair of cutpurses and being behind a tree I fired when a flash had revealed a uniform. Our non-com, passed just then on his way along the line, was the most refreshing thirst that at "temple" but we got on the drill ground after what general orders styled a very instructive day. 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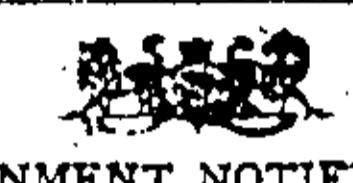
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No. 455.

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By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1896]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 14th day of December, 1896, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND at the Ham, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 Years.

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(a) "In Dicte ?" (b) "Gottes Zeit").

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